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GARDEN STREET

Soccer Complex gains approval

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After two failed attempts, the Sportplex will be coming to Agawam.

Developer Don Cameron received site plan approval from the Agawam Planning Board at its Oct. 1 meeting, clearing up some smaller issues related to line of sight visibility at the entrance and exit of the proposed site.

The Sportsplex will be constructed at 94 Garden St. Cameron will be purchasing two pieces of property, one owned by the Giordano family, and the other by Richard Thomas. The two properties combine for nearly 23 acres in the Business-B zone, which allows for the use of playing fields with a commercial use.

Cameron's plan is to have two full-sized soccer fields that could be re-lined and transformed into six smaller-sized soccer fields, depending on the age of the players. Cameron says the smaller soccer fields could be used for youth tournaments.

During the colder months, from November to May, a dome enclosure would be inflated and cover the fields, keeping the fields free of snow and possibly heated.

Each large field would have a separate enclosure. The enclosures would come down from May to November and games and tournaments could be held outdoors.

Cameron's management team has reviewed the operations at some other regional facilities and are proposing that games would run on weeknights from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and sometimes all day on weekends.

"We're delighted we were able to get this approved," Cameron said this week.

This was Cameron's third try to find a site in Agawam. He previously attempt-

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Dogs' day



Above: Jessica Riel and her dog, Meeko, take a break at "Kanetoberfest," a vendor and event fair for dogs and their owners held by Kane's Crusade on Saturday at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Left: Agawam Dog Owners Group President Deborah Sanchez shows off the ADOG 2016 Calendar at Kanetoberfest. More photos on page 10.

TOWN ELECTION

School candidates bash PARCC, support ECC

By Mike Lydick
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The seven candidates for six School Committee seats in Agawam generally agree on the top issues facing the board: Common Core and unfunded mandates are bad, technology in the classroom and an expanded Early Childhood Center are good, charging fees to students is a necessary evil.

Brian Burbank is running as a challenger on the Nov. 3 ballot, hoping to unseat one of the six incumbents, Anthony Bonavita, Shelley Borgatti-Reed, Roberta Doering, Diane Juzba, Carmino Mineo or Wendy Rua. The top six candidates will be elected to two-year terms.

More inside

Council candidates share their thoughts on the CPA and Walnut Street Extension, page 15.

Six of the candidates oppose the national Common Core curriculums and the new PARCC standardized test. Doering was the only candidate to support the new standards.

"We need a new test that challenges our students to move ahead in ways that will help them in real-world situations they will encounter," Doering said. "That's why I supported PARCC."

She added that many parents are unhappy with the Common Core because it's seen as a harder curriculum for students.

Bonavita, Burbank, Mineo, Reed and Rua said PARCC reduces teach-

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AHS senior is student 'ambassador' to board

By Mike Lydick
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As a member of Agawam High School's Model Congress club — which teaches students about how government functions — Robert Johnston has learned how to present himself in a professional manner while honing his public speaking skills.

Both those skills will serve Johnston — and his classmates — well during the next several months in his new role as the student representative to the School

Committee. A senior, he sees himself serving as an "ambassador" between students and elected officials.

"It's important for the School Committee to have firsthand knowledge of the day-to-day happenings at AHS," said Johnston. "I felt like I could do well in representing my classmates. I prepared for becoming the student representative by talking to my peers about the issues."

At the end of each school year, one junior who sits on the Student Advisory Council is elected

to serve as the student representative in the coming year. Last spring, Johnston was the only candidate.

'Insightful and fascinating'

Johnston started attending the bi-monthly meetings when the committee met on Sept. 8 for its first meeting of this school year.

"It was both insightful and fascinating — exactly as I had expected," he said. He said he's been impressed by



Robert Johnston, an AHS senior now serving as the student representative to the School Committee, talks with Superintendent William Sapelli before the start of a recent committee meeting. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

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Senior Center to hold tag sale

The Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will hold a three-day tag sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 19-21, in the dining room. It is open to the public.

Sen. Humason to hold office hours Monday

State Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, will hold public office hours from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Residents are welcome to visit and share their thoughts or concerns on state matters.

He will also hold office hours at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, 1-2:30 p.m. the same day.

Humason and staff are also available to meet with constituents at the district office at 64 Noble St., Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 413-568-1366 is recommended in the event they are at the State House. Staff at his Boston office can be reached at 617-722-1415.

Humason represents the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District, which includes Agawam, Easthampton, Holyoke, Granville, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick, Tolland and Westfield, part of Chicopee. His email address is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.

Cycle ride, pig roast to benefit area kids

The Iron Horse Road House Motorcycle Riders will hold a fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills. A nonprofit organization, the motorcycle group "Rides With Pride So Kids Can Enjoy Life." Proceeds from the event will benefit the kids at the Gray House of Springfield and Wings of Angels. All are welcome, with or without motorcycles.

The day's events will include a ride beginning at 10:30 a.m. followed by a pig roast at 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person for riders; \$15 per person for others; \$8 for kids 12 and under; free for kids under the age of 5. A 50-50 raffle drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Inside accommodations are available for the pig roast. It will be held rain or shine.

Flu vaccine available for town residents

The Agawam Health Department has 40 doses of seasonal flu vaccine remaining for Agawam residents only. Flu vaccinations will be available by appointment at 413-786-0400, ext. 8207. Appointments will be for Friday, Oct. 23, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Those attending should bring their insurance cards.

Sale of pies, cookies to support Senior Center

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will sell apple pies for \$12 each, \$2.50 per slice, plus large chocolate chip cookies for \$1 each, at the Agawam Rotary's Harvest Festival scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17. Proceeds from the sale of the pies and cookies, which will be prepared by Carol Bernazki, head chef at the Senior Center, will be used to by Friends to purchase needed items for the Senior Center.



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7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19,
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- A. Roll call
 - B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Citizen's speak time
 - D. Minutes
 - 1. Regular council meeting – Oct. 5, 2015
 - E. Declaration from council president
 - F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
 - 1. TR-2015-44- A Resolution authorizing the posting of the warrant for the town election on Nov. 3, 2015 (Mayor)
 - 2. TR-2015-45- A Resolution appropriating from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation funds to fund the Agricultural Preservation Restriction on farmland located at 792 Barry St. and to accept an interest in real estate (CPA) (\$99,500.00) (Referred to Community Relations Committee)
 - 3. TR-2015-46- A Resolution appropriating from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for an accessible outdoor classroom and community gardens at Agawam Junior High School (CPA) (\$23,494.00) (Referred to Community Relations Committee)
 - 4. TR-2015-47- A Resolution appropriating from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds to complete a Housing Needs Assessment for the town of Agawam (CPA) (\$15,000.00) (Referred to Community Relations Committee)
 - G. Report of council committees
 - H. Elections
 - I. Public hearings
 - J. Old Business
 - 1. TO-2015-45- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License to Bear Auto Sales, 517 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
 - 2. TO-2015-46- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License to Euro Imports, 325 Main St., Agawam (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
 - 3. TO-2015-47- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License to V&F Auto, Inc., 7 Harding St., Agawam (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
 - 4. TO-2015-48- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License to Luigi's Auto Sales, 371 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
 - K. New business: Unavailable at press time.
 - L. Any other matter that may legally come before the city council.
- Adjournment

‘He was Agawam’

Brother recalls Ned Connelly,
AHS graduate killed in Vietnam

By Michael J. Ballway
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There's a stone outside Agawam High School, bearing a plaque with the name of a graduate from 1961, killed in the Vietnam War. He represents all the AHS graduates who have died in military service.

But behind the symbolism is the simple story of a boy who grew up on Federal Avenue, a promising young athlete and scholar, who was somebody's son, somebody's best friend and somebody's beloved older brother.

"He was Agawam," said John Connelly of his older brother, Edward "Ned" Connelly, who was commemorated by local veterans and officials in a short afternoon ceremony on Sept. 29.

Connelly said his older brother was an honors student, an Eagle Scout, a saxophone player and a fullback on the high school football team. After Agawam High, he graduated from Brown University, where he also played football. In the summer before Edward's deployment to Vietnam, John was preparing to attend Syracuse University. The brothers became very close during this time, John said, and continued to exchange personal letters between Syracuse and Vietnam after the summer ended.

When he thinks of his brother, he recalls growing up in the neighborhood. He remembers how his brother had a paper route — Federal Avenue, Senator Avenue, Washington Street Extension. When he was old enough, John took over Edward's old route.

He also remembers his brother as a selfless patriot. Edward's original tour of duty as a Marine helicopter pilot had ended, but he stayed in Vietnam to continue his service. He was killed in action May 5, 1968, while attempting to airlift injured soldiers.

Edward's death was devastating to the family, John said.

"Nothing's worse than having an official U.S. Marine Corps car pull up," John said. "I felt so bad for my parents."

John Connelly has lived the past 20 years in Seminole County, Fla. The middle brother of the family, Michael "Mickey" Connelly,



John Connelly, second from right, stands with three of his brother's 1961 classmates, from left, Bob Rossi, Gary Janulewicz and Paul Arnold, after the Sept. 29 ceremony at the Edward Connelly Memorial at Agawam High School. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Gary Janulewicz, a veteran and high school classmate of fallen Marine Edward Connelly, speaks at a ceremony in Connelly's honor on Sept. 29. Looking on, at right, is Brian Willette of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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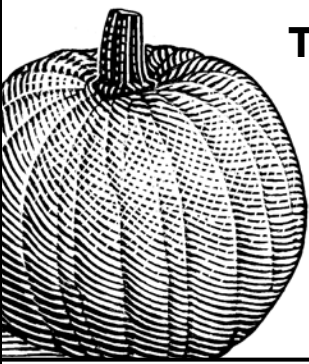
A ceremony honoring Connelly has been held every year since 2012, said fellow 1961 graduate and Marine veteran Gary Janulewicz, though this is the first time that one of Connelly's siblings has been able to attend. The idea to hold a ceremony — usually a wreath-laying — came after members of the Class of 1961 saw at their 50th reunion that Connelly's memorial stone had fallen into neglect over the years. Janulewicz said he pushed to have the stone moved from the middle of a traffic island on school property, where it was buried in snow every

winter, to a more accessible and visible location next to a sidewalk.

"I'm just so appreciative of the community's recognition," John said.

Brian Willette, of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, said the 2012 ceremony was the first event attended by that group's Western Massachusetts chapter, which has sent representatives each year since.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were several School Department and Town Hall officials, along with two other 1961 classmates, Bob Rossi and Class President Paul Arnold.



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OUR VIEW

Mammograms a must in fight against cancer

With 2.8 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States right now, there's no way women should be forgoing a mammogram for any reason.

The key to continually seeing that number of survivors increase is early detection. Knowledge is everything. Mammograms are a must.

Because of mammograms, according to www.cancer.org, 226,900 breast cancer deaths have been averted since 1989. Early detection leads to more successful treatments. Mammograms can even detect cancer before symptoms appear. Still, 30 percent of insured women aged 40 and older are not getting a mammogram. That percentage increases to 62 percent when it comes to uninsured women.

Massachusetts requires private insurance companies, public employee health plans and Medicaid to provide coverage for annual mammograms for those 40 years old and above.

Those with a family history of breast cancer should talk to their doctor about establishing a baseline through a mammogram earlier.

For those without symptoms of breast cancer but who have been diagnosed with the disease via a mammogram, the cancer tends to be small and confined to the breast, according to the American Cancer Society. In this case, size matters.

Young adults and those in their 30s are not exempt from being diagnosed with breast cancer, despite the lessened risk that comes with their age group.

Clinical breast exams should be performed by doctors at least every three years. Young women should also ask their doctors to show them the techniques for performing self-exams. With these exams, young women can establish what their breasts feel like and understand what is normal, giving them the chance to detect when something doesn't feel right — at which point they should contact their doctor.

Again, knowledge is everything. October, designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, provides an opportunity for mothers to talk to their daughters about breast cancer and self-exams, for sisters to remind one another to schedule an exam, for friends to gently prod one another that it's time to begin what should be an annual tradition.

The conversation about prevention should not be limited to just women. Men, too, can be diagnosed with breast cancer, and they also should be kept in the know.

Be good to yourself — receive a mammogram to establish a baseline if you have yet to do so or if you're 40 years old or above and have not had a mammogram. Pass that good onto someone else and urge those you love to talk to their doctors about early prevention.

Knowledge is everything. For more information about breast cancer and mammograms, visit www.nationalbreastcancer.org or www.cancer.org.

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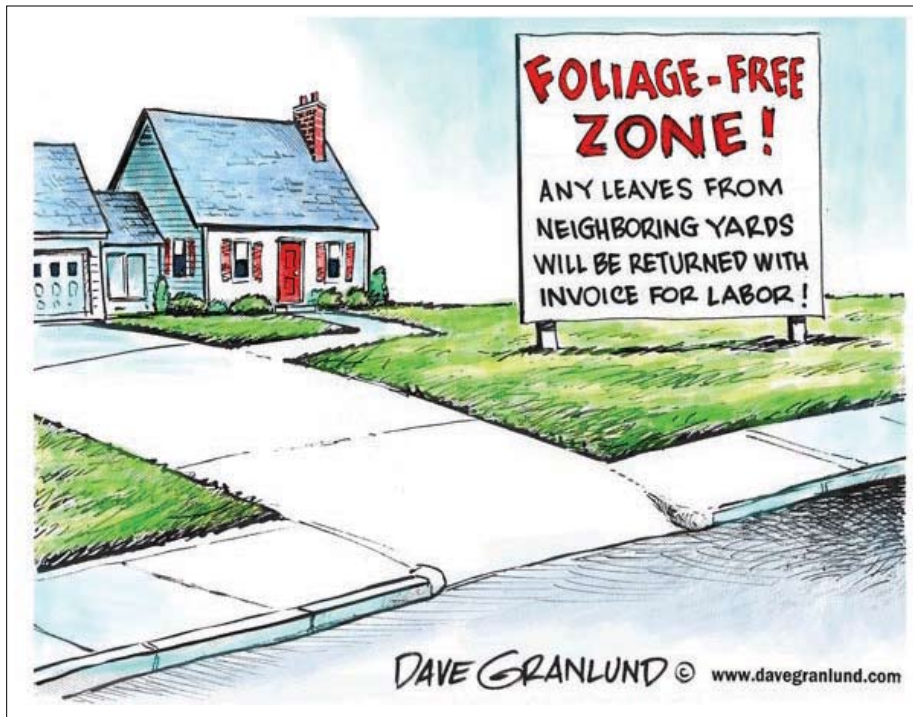
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Letters to the Editor

Richard Theroux the right choice for councilor

I worked with Richard M. Theroux and his committee on building the Agawam Senior Center. Richard was such a committed and tireless worker for the seniors and the Senior Center. He is a great facilitator and was crucial to the success of the project. If he puts as much of his energy and com-

mitment into being a councilor, the voters would be making the right choice.

Douglas Goodman, architect
Reinhardt Associates
Agawam

Bob Rossi 'just makes sense' on open space

I watched with interest the last council meeting of Monday, Oct. 5. One of our councilors, Bob Rossi was speaking about conservation wetlands which were recently auctioned off by the town of Agawam for non-payment of taxes; specifically, 7 1/2 acres between School Street, Simpson Circle and Meadowbrook Road.

He asked that the City Council and the mayor declare a moratorium on the town to stop selling off open space, which can be so important to this community's future. The School Street properties are just one example of an area that should be protected by the town of Agawam. This property, which is mostly wetlands, can be used quite well for neighborhood nature trails and other recreational activities in addition to nurturing, preserving and protecting its natural habitat.

Open space is our most valuable asset. Once given way to development, our conservation areas will be lost forever. Open space provides critical habitat and corridors for wildlife and plants, protects important water supplies, protects historically significant places, and preserves the charm and character of our town.

Open space also makes sense for our town's tax base because undeveloped, protected land costs the town nothing in terms of community services.

I ask that the mayor, city councilors and members of our community join Mr. Rossi's plea in saving our conservation wetlands and open space; as he states, "It just makes sense."

Rosemary LaFleur
Agawam

McGovern brings character, experience to the council

Even though I was never involved in real politics, I always tried to give credit to those who do go into that field if their primary intentions and desire is to help our citizens one way or another. If they go into politics for selfish motives, which too many do, obviously, I am not for them.

A few years ago while working part-time for the Agawam Advertiser News, I interviewed Bob McGovern. On a one-on-one basis, I found Bob to be very honest, well educated (a Boston University graduate) and serious about his concerns and devotion to our town, his hometown. He is vitally interested in our local school system; he was also vice-chairman of the Westfield

State University board of trustees.

At one time he was president of the City Council, so he has much experience in that area. We need people like Bob now on the City Council.

When you vote for a candidate, you should think about his or her experience and character. Those people make decisions which we, in general, live by. They have a responsibility most of us rather not have.

I am hopeful that many will vote to put Bob McGovern on our City Council.

Warren L. Parker
Agawam

Field hockey appreciates community support

The Agawam High School field hockey team and booster club would like to thank the community for the amazing support during our recent fundraisers.

We had a car wash at Sacred Heart Church and we were grateful for the steady amount of cars that we had throughout the day. The field hockey team worked together to keep up with the amount of cars we had waiting to be washed. The generosity and the support that we received were greatly appreciated.

We were at Geissler's Supermarket and once again were supported by the residents

of Agawam and the surrounding communities.

The field hockey team would like to thank Sacred Heart Church and Geissler's for allowing us to use their facilities to fundraise this year.

Thank you again for helping the Agawam High School field hockey team reach their fundraising goals this year. We greatly appreciate your support.

**Field Hockey Booster Club and
AHS Field Hockey Team**

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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS



Carol Scannell



Charles Gibson



Leonard Charest

Reunion of the '60s – Part 2

Charlie Gibson served on the reunion committee for the 55th reunion of the class of 1960, but he did a lot more than that. He put together and typed the reunion book, no easy task. Ask my wife Nina, who did our book for the '63s. Charlie has been retired for over 10 years from his position as director of procurement at UMass. He and his wife Brenda live in Longmeadow and Charlie has been so important in identifying boys who played in the first year of the Agawam Little League.

Carol (Scannell) Patty was vice-president of the '60s, a cheerleader, and was on the staff of the Mirror and Sachem. She came up from her home on Fripp Island in South Carolina and at this writing is bracing for the possible winds and rains of Hurricane Joaquin. Prayers are with you, Carol.

In the fall of 1957, Len Charest was only a sophomore on the AHS football team that was 7-0 and AA Conference champion. That experience must have helped Len, who was an All-Western Mass. lineman in his senior year. Treasurer of the Class of 1960, he graduated from UMass and had a career as a teacher at Ludlow High School. He still plays golf and makes furniture. You should see his work; as good or better than you can buy. Len and his wife Cynthia have two sons who live on the West Coast.

Colleen (O'Connor) Dalton still lives in Agawam and plays golf at the Springfield Country Club, where she has been a member for 44 years. Maybe you remember her daughter Debbie, who was a star soccer player on Bill O'Brien's championship team.

Across from me at dinner was Jim Lafond, a retired executive for PricewaterhouseCoopers. His brother David was in Boy Scout Troop 89 with us when Jim was a senior at AHS. At one point in his early career, Jim and his wife Sandy (Ianello) '61 lived on Elbert Road right behind my parents' home on Monroe Street. Paul Halbach '63 told me about 40 years ago that

Jim could add a column of numbers faster than anyone he ever met; a story I never forgot. Jim and Sandy have homes in Niantic, Conn., and Naples, Fla. Their four children have given them six grandchildren. Jim was very friendly and got a kick out of the Halbach story.

Two seats away from me was Ted DeCosmo, who is best known locally for Theodore's, which he opened back in the '70s. Ted's building had Smith's Billiards on the second floor where Leo Durocher had once played pool. There were over 20 tables in Smith's and Ted said those tables are worth about \$60,000 a piece. Ted lives in Fort Myers, Fla., and has season tickets to the Red Sox games in the spring.

Joyce (Colburn) Noonan explained that Beverly '63 was her sister. Joyce came up from Rhode Island, where she loves gardening and traveling to Maine, Florida and Germany. She is now a great-grandmother to Eli, son of her grandson Keith.

Frances Albro still lives on Shoemaker Lane, enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews and going to plays and the casino. She still works as a bus monitor for LPVEC. Fifty-one of the original '60s attended the reunion. Those attending were certainly grateful to the reunion committee of Dan Tomassetti, Len Charest, Phyllis (Augustino) Lewis, Ellie (Menard) Placzek, Charlie Gibson, Jean (Jaeger) DeForge, Cathy (Cirillo) Meredith and Barry Tous-saint.

Dan Tomassetti called last week to thank the Agawam Advertiser News for the Sept. 24 column. We thank Dan and the class of '60 for the invite to be there. It was a wonderful time.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



Walt Willard

Letters to the Editor

Bitzas continues to do what's best for town

My family and I vote for Councilor George Bitzas every election. He has done so many things for this town and he continues to put our town's interest first. He is always advocating on the council floor, supporting lower taxes for the homeowners without compromising our services.

He has spoken to state committees against budget cuts for our veterans' care. He has sponsored council resolutions and sent them to the governor and legislators against the cuts by the state in our education and town services.

When Gov. Deval Patrick proposed the increase in Massachusetts income tax, it was Councilor George Bitzas who sponsored a resolution opposing the income tax increases and sent it to the governor, speaker of the house and president of the senate.

These are a few reasons why my family and I will continue to vote for Councilor George Bitzas.

John and JoAnne Newsome
Agawam

Corinne Wingard gets things done right

I am writing to support Corinne Wingard for Agawam City Council. She brings two important perspectives to the council. First, a woman's perspective, then, that of someone who has worked for years on housing and economic development.

Corinne has been a longtime active volunteer for Agawam. She presently is a member of the Community Preservation Act Committee, a commissioner of the Agawam Housing Authority, and vice chair of the Agawam Housing Committee. The Housing Committee is working to help provide more housing for seniors unable to remain in their homes, young people growing up in Agawam who want to stay in town, and town employees.

I have worked with Corinne on many projects and know that if you want to get something done, and done right, ask Corinne.

I urge you to vote for Corinne Wingard for Agawam City Council on Nov. 3.

Rosemary Sandlin
Feeding Hills

Election endorsement letters welcome

The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes readers to participate in the town election campaign by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing specific candidates or discussing local campaign issues should be sent to Agawam Advertiser News, 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030, faxed to 413-786-8457 or emailed to aan@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will

be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No letters will be printed in the last week before the election (edition of Oct. 29). For more information, call Michael J. Ballway or Teri Machia at 413-786-7747.

Candidate statements were printed in the Sept. 24 newspaper. No additional candidate press releases will be printed in future editions. Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact John Baskin, 413-786-7747 or jbaskin@turley.com, about paid advertising in the Agawam Advertiser News.

DEATH NOTICES

Foster, Edward J.
Died Oct. 7, 2015
Funeral Oct. 27, 2015
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home
Agawam

Woodard, Austin R.
Died Sept. 30, 2015
Funeral Oct. 13, 2015
Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

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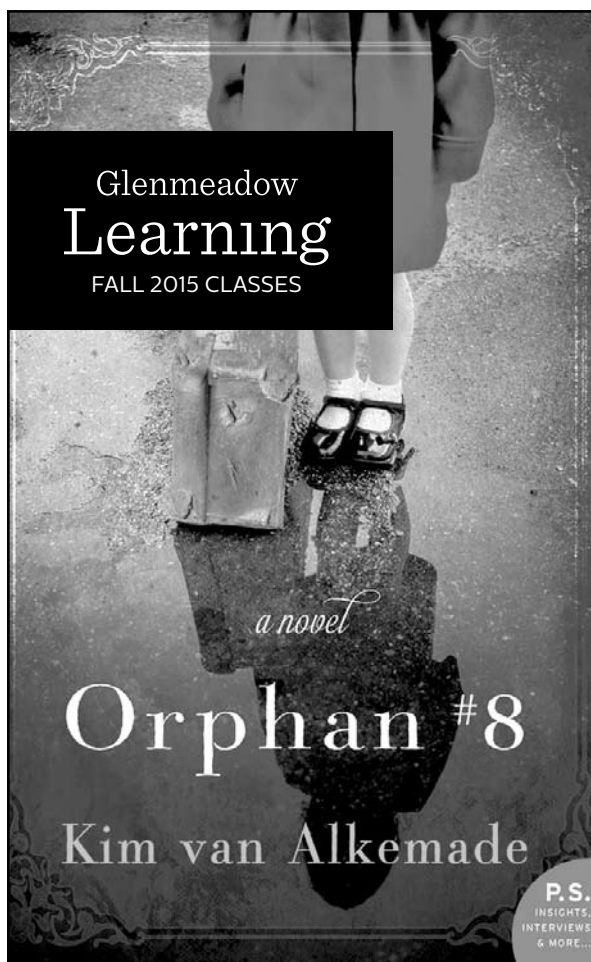
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A four-family home on Garden Street will be demolished to make room for the new Sportsplex soccer fields. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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ed to build the Sportsplex at the Crowley Farm off Suffield Street and, last year, proposed a South West Street location in Feeding Hills.

The South West Street property would have required a zone change and neighbors came out in droves to public hearings of the Planning Board and City Council. The proposal was defeated when the zone change was turned down.

The Planning Department said the Garden Street site fits with zoning and thus no public hearing was required on the site plan. The review started on Sept. 17, and was continued to Oct. 1 so comments from town departments could be worked into the plan.

A traffic study was also conducted by the Milone and MacBroom firm, the same firm currently working on the design for the high school athletic facility improvements.

Milone and MacBroom concluded there would not be a major traffic impact on the neighborhood, especially because the site is so close to the Route 57 expressway.

Mark Argoni, who performed the traffic study, says he estimates the site will generate about 120 trips entering and 120 trips exiting the site during a maximum-capacity event. He estimated 60 percent of the trips will go to Route 57.

The new site did not generate much controversy. Few neighbors showed up to the planning meetings and only asked questions. Because no public hearing was required, the town was not required to notify abutters of the proposal.

A four-family home will be demolished along with other structures to make room for the Sportsplex.

Cameron did not say when the project would be completed.

Walk Sunday to support juvenile diabetes

Six Flags New England will be host its annual "JDRF One Walk" to help raise funds for juvenile diabetes research Sunday, Oct. 18. Each year over 5,000 walkers come out to the park and show their support for this cause. For every \$50 they raise, participants will receive a free admission ticket to Six Flags New England, valid until Nov. 1.

This 1.5-mile walk will help raise aware-

ness and funds for the Greater Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Chapter of JDRF, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with type 1 diabetes.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The opening presentation and walk kickoff is at 9:30 a.m. at the Six Flags main parking lot, 1756 Main St., Agawam.

Library to offer drop-in beginner tai chi classes

Beginning in October and continuing through May, the Agawam Public Library will offer a beginner tai chi class at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month for adults 18 and older. This will replace the yoga classes. The classes are drop in and no registration is necessary.

Susan Moore, a physical therapy assistant at Restore Physical Therapy and Wellness, will be the instructor. She has over 20 years experience teaching exercise and mind and body practices, including tai chi and yoga. She works with people of all ages and fitness levels.

Vendor tables available for AJHS holiday fair

Agawam Junior High School will hold its annual Holiday Shopping Faire from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, in the school's cafeteria. Over 25 local vendors will be at the event, which is open to the community. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the AJHS Washington D.C. Club travelers. Vendor tables are still available. For more information, contact Lisa Bruno or Norman Robbins at 413-821-0542.

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the commitment of the committee members, adding that he's looking forward to attending meetings. Since taking on this new role, Johnston has been talking with his friends and classmates about what issues they want him to communicate to the committee.

"Many of my classmates are excited at the prospect of having a representative to bring their concerns forward to the School Committee," he said. "I'm certainly going to try to present all of their concerns."

Johnston has been involved with the Student Council for the past three years. In addition to the Model Congress, he's also a member of SAVE (Students Against Violating the Environment), a school club in which students commit to cleaning up and sorting waste as a proactive approach to keeping the environment clean and healthy.

Another role for Johnston this year will be serving on the Hampden County District Attorney's Office Youth Advisory Board, which is composed of high school students. He will represent AHS on the board to help Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni identify some of the most serious issues confronting teenagers.

A member of the school's cross country track team, Johnston is also a concert enthusiast who tries to go to at least one show a month. Despite all his extracurricular activities, he said academics are his "top priority," with much of his free time devoted to homework and studying.

"In order to study effectively, I like to alternate the environment in which I do my school work," he added. "I enjoy studying at coffee shops or the library. I find that this helps me focus without distractions."

Caring and diligent

AHS Principal Steve Lemanski said diligence is Johnston's key asset. He added that Johnston is committed to doing a good job and representing AHS students.

"Robert is a student that you can count on. He cares about doing the right thing. He wants to represent our school in a positive way and share the good things that are being done at AHS," added Lemanski.

An Agawam native, Johnston, 18, plans on studying communications at college. He's currently looking at UMass Amherst, and is also considering Hampshire College as well as several other colleges and universities. He said his experience as the student representative will give him "helpful insight" into the world of education. Johnston has also gained some insight into how education and public schools work from his mother Christine. She's a teacher at the Roberta G. Doering School.

"As a teacher, I think his role as a student representative is a wonderful opportunity for Robert — and I hope this helps him in his future endeavors. As a parent, his father and I are very proud of him and everything he's doing here in Agawam," said Christine Johnston. "We're very excited to see how he will do and what the future holds for him."

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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 64 EMS calls from Oct. 6 to Oct. 12, and the following emergency response calls.

On Oct. 6 at 9:26 a.m., the department responded to M Street Covanta for public service assistance, other.

On Oct. 6 at 4:13 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for public service assistance, other.

On Oct. 7 at 7:22 a.m., the department responded to Kensington Street for lockout.

On Oct. 7 at 11:52 a.m., the department responded to Hemlock Ridge for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 7 at 1:10 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On Oct. 7 at 1:31 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 7 at 8:22 p.m., the department responded to Kensington St. for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.

On Oct. 7 at 10:01 p.m., the department responded to Norman Terrace Ext., was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Oct. 8 at 10:11 a.m., the department responded to Beekman Drive for service call, other.

On Oct. 8 at 4:37 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street for good intent call, other.

On Oct. 8 at 6:04 p.m., the department responded to Independence Road for citizen complaint.

On Oct. 8 at 8:08 p.m., the department responded to North Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 9 at 4:45 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for cooking fire, confined to container.

On Oct. 10 at 1:33 p.m., the department responded to Cooley Street for public service.

On Oct. 10 at 2:03 p.m., the department responded to Riviera Drive for public service.

On Oct. 10 at 4:24 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Oct. 10 at 4:59 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Oct. 10 at 5:08 p.m., the department responded to Federal Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 10 at 5:41 p.m., the department responded

to Main Street for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 11 at 12:29 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other.

On Oct. 11 at 3:35 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 11 at 5:41 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 11 at 8:30 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Oct. 11 at 11:48 a.m., the department responded to Robin Lane for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Oct. 11 at 5:32 p.m., the department responded to School Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Oct. 12 at 6:53 a.m., the department responded to Route 5 North for water, ice-related rescue, other.

On Oct. 12 at 8:23 a.m., the department responded to Rhodes Avenue to assist invalid.

On Oct. 12 at 10:22 a.m., the department responded to River Road for public service assistance, other.

On Oct. 12 at 9:59 p.m., the department responded to Vassar Road for carbon monoxide incident.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 326 calls for service from Oct. 6 to Oct. 12. The department made two arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Elaine M. Swistak, 49, of 52 Westfield St., Apt. 20, West Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Sunday, Oct. 11

Shane Richard Mottram, 45, of 61 Nash Ave., Warwick, R.I., was arrested on a charge of larceny over \$250.

JAY SPEAKS

Bringing back home deliveries

Recently, to honor an event in our lives, a friend gifted us with a seltzer maker. It is a machine that is operated by a CO2 cartridge in a plastic housing. A plastic nozzle attached to the housing is placed into a bottle of water. When you trigger the nozzle, CO2 enters the water and SHAZAM! We have seltzer! There were packets of different flavors if we wanted differing sodas.

Growing up in the 1920s, '30s, and early '40s, Seltzer was always on our dinner table. It was in a tall glass syphon bottle. You triggered the syphon release and you received charged water (i.e., seltzer). Once into the military, then college and work, I forgot all about seltzer. Oh, I forgot about a popular bar drink, scotch and soda. The soda was seltzer, of course.

After marriage and the first two children arrived, we received a phone call from a company in Holyoke. The caller announced that he was in the business of delivering seltzer to homes in our area. Memories came flowing back, and of course I said OK.

A week or so later came the first shipment of a case of seltzer bottles. They were a smaller version of the bottles I recalled when I was growing up, but operated the same. The delivery man said when you get down to the last two bottles, just call and they would bring a fresh case of 12 bottles. We enjoyed the service and were sad when, after a couple of years, the business folded and no more home delivery of seltzer.

Several months later, we received a call announcing that a new company had purchased the list of customers from the seltzer "guy," and that he was offering delivery of bottled soda in any flavor that one wanted! Once again, we said OK. The delivery came and we picked out our favorite flavors (or I should say that our children

picked out their flavor favorites). The same routine was announced. Once we were down to two bottles, just call and a new shipment would arrive.

This company was also from Holyoke and this service carried on for a couple of years until one day a call came from a company in Belchertown who announced that he had bought the Holyoke company and if we would kindly accept him as our new soda person. Being an agreeable couple, we said yes.

While this was going on, we also engaged a company that delivered potato chips. They claimed to be the Cadillac of chips. The company was known as Charles Chips of Pennsylvania. I think the local distributor was in West Springfield. Charles Chips would bring us a can of chips every two weeks. I'm not certain the net weight of the chips in the can, but it probably was between 12-16 ounces. They were small chips and pale in color and quite delicious.

At some point, both of these services faded out and we joined everyone else at the markets for our goods. The memories are sweet and I'll only mention one more delivery serviced that stands tall in our memory bank.

As a family, we did a lot of camping with our pop-up trailer. A number of our trips took us to Acadia National Park. While there, each late afternoon, a truck would drive through with his daily catch of fish. The truck was spotless ... the fish so fresh, there was no odor. The taste ... so great!

Now that we are back to seltzer again, do you think that we can have home delivery of chips ... and bring along some beer!

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

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Mass. Senior Action and Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts will host a presentation about the proposed Fair Share Amendment, also known as the "millionaires tax," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Roberta Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam.

The amendment to the Massachusetts state constitution would add 4 percent to earned taxable income over \$1 million. The \$1.2 billion raised annually could only be used for education and transportation.

According to Corinne Wingard, who is organizing the Agawam event, not a single person in Agawam, and very

few in Western Massachusetts, would pay one penny more in state income tax, but all cities and towns would receive part of the money.

Peter Enrich, professor of law at Northeastern University, will make a detailed presentation. Enrich is a leading authority on state and local government and state tax policy, and serves as an advisor to state and local governments and to advocacy groups interested in fiscal policy. He was general counsel for the state's Executive Office for Administration and Finance from 1987 to 1991, and counsel for revenue policy at the State Budget Bureau from 1984 to 1987.

All are welcome to attend to learn more about this proposed amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, and how to participate in the process for getting it passed.

Health Expo scheduled for Oct. 27

The Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main St. will hold its annual Health Expo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27. Over 50 health care professionals will be in attendance. A free blood pressure clinic will take place.

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Out & About

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Friday, Oct. 16

LIVE CONCERT IN FRENCH by Eric Vincent, France's globetrotting answer to James Taylor, at 7 p.m. in Pratt Music Hall, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley. \$8 at the door to general public; MHC and 5-College students free with identification. Greet the artist reception after concert. Contact nholden@mtholyoke.edu

Saturday, Oct. 17

HARVEST FESTIVAL at School Street Park, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pancake breakfast, hot air balloon rides, classic car show, face painting and children's activities, cheerleader and school band performances, concert by Agawam's own Built for Comfort. Free admission. Presented by the Agawam Rotary Club and Agawam Parks and Recreation Department.

A VENDOR FAIR will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist parish center, 833 Main St., Agawam.

A FALL FESTIVAL will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Approximately 40 artisans and crafters will be present. Back by popular demand this year will be a homemade pie sale, book fair, the Country Lunch Café, raffles and the General Store.

A FREE DOCUMENT-SHREDDING EVENT for residents will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Department of Public Works Annex, 1000 Suffield St. Limit confidential documents to five standard size boxes. Three-ring binders and binder clips should be removed. Paper clips, staples, and spiral bound notebooks are all acceptable. For more information, contact the DPW at 413-821-0624.

INSURANCE CENTER OF NEW ENGLAND, 1070 Suffield St., Agawam, will hold "Public Safety Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free family community event will include a tour of fire engines, raffles, face painting and a K-9 demonstration. For more information, call Marie Rosema at 413-750-7109 or email mrosema@icne.com.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will host a fall craft fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. All proceeds to benefit the church.

COPPER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 27 Copper Hills Road, East Granby, Conn. will host its annual roast pork dinner at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12, no charge for preschoolers. To make a reservation, call Mary at 860-653-2834.

Sunday, Oct. 18

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM, 35 Elm St., will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum will once again feature the exhibit, "Riverside Park — A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley." The museum will close for the season after this date. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com.

THE MAWAGA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB will hold its annual Fall Trout Derby at 377 Adams St., Agawam. A full breakfast available beginning at 7 a.m. followed by fishing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch also available. A \$15 donation will be accepted. No limit on trout and no license required. For more information, contact Ernie at 413-265-0851 or Gary at 413-789-0934.

THE SOUTHWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY will present "From Purgatory to Podunk," an evening with a couple who have been to every town in Massachusetts. This free program is at 1 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 434 College Highway, Southwick.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will feature Mary Brown Bonacci, mezzo-soprano, Mark Frasesr on cello, and Estela Olevisky on piano at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email firgo9654@aol.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

SU MECK, AUTHOR, will be the featured speaker at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Springfield Technical Community College's Scibelli Hall Theater as part of its Ovations series. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Philip O'Donoghue at 413-755-4233 or email pcodono@stcc.edu.



Judy Handler and Mark Levesque return to the at the Agawam Public Library as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series on Nov. 6. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Guitar, mandolin duo return for concert

The Agawam Cultural Council continues the 12th season of its Applause Series at the Agawam Public Library at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, with the return of Judy Handler and Mark Levesque. The husband and wife duo will present a program of international music for guitar and mandolin, blending Brazilian, Latin, gypsy, jazz, classical and folk music influences to create unique and expressive arrangements.

Handler and Levesque have performed over 2,000 concerts together in the U.S. and Europe. Their three CDs have received critical acclaim and have been sold in dozens of countries worldwide. Handler and Levesque have also been featured on numerous compilation CDs with other artists and many radio and cable television programs.

The Agawam Public Library is at 750 Cooper St. and can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. Additional information is available at www.agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which provides part of its funding.

Thursday, Oct. 22

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Independence and Modernity: French Impressionism" featuring Gloria Russell, art history writer, professor and retired art critic, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Oct. 23

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will hold its fifth annual "Star, Serenade and Stone Soup Candlelight Evening" from 6-8 p.m. at the Thomas Smith House, 251 N. West St., Feeding Hills. Hearth-cooked soup, cornbread and brown bread will be served and period music will be provided. At 6:30 p.m., winners of the "scary story" contest will be reading their entries.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 19: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, oranges.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Tortellini carbonara, spring salad, diced pears.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Beef pot pie, mixed vegetables, puff pastry, spinach salad, pudding.
Thursday, Oct. 22: Vegetable orzo soup, Caesar salad topped with grilled chicken, baked good.
Friday, Oct. 23: Lasagna Florentine, cucumber salad, diced peaches.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Oct. 19: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; reiki available (by appt.; call 413-525-7345); 1 p.m., bingo, 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: S.H.I.N.E. representative available (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("The Guilt Trip"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; Tobacco Valley Artist meeting.
Thursday, Oct. 22: 9 a.m., exercise class; 9:30 a.m., quilting class; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., free blood pressure check, open art class, pitch; 6 p.m., cancer support group; 6:30 p.m., evening line dancing.
Friday, Oct. 23: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., Friends High Tea; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Saturday, Oct. 24

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 745 Main St., will hold a chicken and biscuit supper at 5:30 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Ticket prices at the door are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children. Advance purchase is encouraged.

A CRAFT AND AGRICULTURAL FAIR sponsored by the Friends of the Southwick Public Library will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway and will include craft items and supplies, local products, a paperback book sale, raffle and refreshments. Free admission. For more information, call 413-569-6531.

THE SOUTHWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host the annual "Walk with Southwick Spirits" from 2-4 p.m. at the Southwick Cemetery on College Highway.

AT CAMP IN THE FIELD: The Common Soldier in America's Civil War, a half-hour illustrated program describing the new Civil War exhibit on camp life, begins at 1 p.m. at the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, 1 Armory St. The program is free.

Sunday, Oct. 25

THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB will hold its annual Harvest Breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Lions Den at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Parking available at Gate 2, compliments of the Big E. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under, are available in Agawam at Bob's Barber Shop, 13 Maple St., and Southgate Liquors, 842 Suffield St. They may also be purchased at the door.

Human trafficking program open to community

Agawam schools and the Agawam Clergy Association will present the "Say Something Assembly" at Agawam High School on Tuesday, Oct. 20. All are invited to a community assembly beginning at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium at 760 Cooper St.

The "Say Something Assembly" is designed to bring awareness to the growing issue of domestic human trafficking and empower students to "say something" if they witness it firsthand in themselves and in others.

Human trafficking is a growing threat to the freedom and welfare of students. The 3-D interactive assembly provides valuable training for students to feel confident about protecting themselves and their peers from potential high-risk behavior and choices that could have devastating consequences. Student intervention techniques also affect other critical issues highlighted in the program. The assembly offers a relevant and engaging presentation through media, testimonials and expertise.

The evening program is geared toward family members and the general public; students will attend the program during the school day. For more information, contact the Rev. Bill Pass at 413-304-2313.

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School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 19: Chicken stir-fry, Asian vegetables, white rice, fortune cookie, orange slices, chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Old El Paso chicken gordito, seasoned broccoli, potato rounds, fresh and chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Chicken filet wrap with as-sorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 22: Assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, warm breadstick, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Oct. 23: Spicy chicken sandwich, lettuce and tomato, low-fat potato chips, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 19: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Beef tacos, assorted toppings, Mexican rice, fresh and chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Ziti with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 22: Chicken rings with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Oct. 23: Cheese pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Oct. 19: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Beef tacos, assorted toppings, Mexican rice, black beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Ziti with meatballs, whole-

wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 22: Chicken rings with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Oct. 23: Cheese pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 19: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Beef tacos, assorted toppings, Mexican rice, fresh and chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Ziti with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 22: Cheese pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.
Friday, Oct. 23: Chicken rings with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, Oct. 19: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Thursday, Oct. 22: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Friday, Oct. 23: Pillsbury mini chocolate chip pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, chilled 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Open Houses: Those interested in meeting with any of the following college or university representatives must sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center: Goodwin College, 9 a.m., Monday; College of St. Rose, 12:30 p.m., Monday.

College Fair: Admissions staff members from more than 80 colleges and universities will be visiting Agawam High School for a college fair on Friday, Oct. 23, from 8:15 to 10 a.m. Students should prepare a list of questions to ask college representatives.

National Hispanic College Fair: AIC will be hosting this event on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register online at www.collegefair.info/.

Special interest programs

Springfield College will host a free Game Lab Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 17. This program will allow students to talk with video game industry experts, experience the field firsthand, get to see how games are made and what it takes to make a game of their own. Register at springfieldcollege.edu/gamelab.

Bay Path University will hold “A Night of Forensics, Justice, and Science” Wednesday, Oct. 28. Experience hands-on activities and hear about career options in the forensics, science and justice fields. Register at baypath.edu/visit.

Springfield College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the “College Now” program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering an Advanced Placement program which allows eligible students to enroll in one three-credit course in the spring semester and receive full college transfer credit to the Elms or another academic institution of their choice. While tuition is waived, students will pay a \$20 registration fee and \$50 tech-

nology fee. Registration for the spring semester is Jan. 20. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

STCC is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

WNEU will offer a five-week mini law school program for students interested in a career in law. This is offered Tuesdays, Oct. 20 through Nov. 17, from 6-8 p.m. It is offered free of charge for any high school student with a valid student identification. Register at wne.edu/mini-lawschool.

HCC Players present “American Hero” by Bess Wohl on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided prior to the 11 a.m. performance. High school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a theater degree, liberal arts and science degree, or have an interest in participating in college-level theater as an extracurricular activity are invited to attend this special event.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Did You Know: The University of Michigan has an official Squirrel Club with the sole purpose of feeding peanuts to squirrels.

Children’s coat drive ends Friday

The Salvation Army of Greater Springfield is collecting coats at local drop-off points through Friday, Oct. 16. Warm winter coats are needed in all sizes to fit infants and youth as well as young adults.

Drop-off points in Agawam include Ambiance Hair & Laser Center, 200 Silver St., and the Pride gas stations at 395 Main St. and 831 Suffield St. In Feeding Hills, dona-

tions are being taken at Berkshire Bank, 1395 Springfield St. For a full list, including drop-off points in neighboring towns such as Longmeadow, Southwick, Springfield, West Springfield and Westfield, visit salvationarmycoatsforkids.com.

For more information on Salvation Army Coats for Kids, call WMAS at 413-737-1414 or visit salvationarmycoatsforkids.com.

Free haunted house open to area kids

Heritage Woods Senior Living will hold its annual free Haunted House from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at 462 Main St., Agawam. Area children are invited to come dressed in their costumes and enjoy being spooked. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

CAMPUS NOTES

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Cameron Czerpak, of Feeding Hills, is a member of the RPI men's cross country team, which is 27th in the nation.

Western New England University: Joanna Glantz, of Agawam, is the service committee chairman of WNEU's chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma. BGS recently conferred “high honors” on the Western New England Chapter for the academic year.

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Four-legged festival

The event featured several different canine-related booths and vendors for the public. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Deb Young is given the Advocacy Award.



Ryan Giombetti, 7, enjoys a game of Frisbee.

The charity Kane's Krusade held its annual Kanetoberfest last Saturday at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. The event featured more than 50 vendors, a dog house build-off, a dog show sponsored by the East Longmeadow Dog Obedience Training Club, raffles, a pet photo contest, a low-cost dog vaccine and microchip clinic and more. Adoptable dogs will also be on site.

Funds raised were donated to Kane's Krusade, which works with needy families in Western Massachusetts to help them keep their dogs and reduce the number of abandoned or surrendered dogs in the area.



Sam Moser plays with his dog, Mocos, at Kanetoberfest.



Author Sue Torres checks out the different raffle prizes being offered.



Above: A doghouse was built during the event as part of a demonstration.



Sarah Noble was one of many vendors at the Kanetoberfest who appeared and donated part of her proceeds to the charity.



Kim Fontane holds her dog, Keeva.



Kevin Shippee, right, of Yellowbrick Management, receives the Compassion in Business Award from Kane's Krusade.

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er creativity and student interest by focusing so much attention on a test — which will be administered twice a year, rather than once as with the current MCAS.

“I don’t favor Common Core or PARCC,” said Mineo. “Teachers should be able to put more emphasis on teaching instead of on standardized testing.”

Reed also faulted Common Core’s mathematics curriculum and the English curriculum’s focus on nonfiction, at the expense of fiction. She and Juzba both criticized Common Core and PARCC for holding all children to the same standard rather than accommodating individual learning styles; Juzba called the standards “unrealistic” and “a one-size-fits-all method.”

Rua said she favors a three-year moratorium on high-stakes testing.

“Time spent preparing for testing is out of control,” Rua said.

Student fees

Four of the seven candidates said they would take a hard line against fees for athletics or extracurricular activities, or raising on-campus parking fees.

“I don’t believe the answer to funding should be increasing fees on students beyond what currently exists,” said Bonavita. “Often the fees fall on parents who are already financially strapped in a still uncertain economy.”

Mineo, Reed and Rua offered similar opinions.

“To some children, athletics are what drives them to excel in school,” said Reed. “For others, it can be the only positive thing in their life. Charging extra fees would force those who can’t afford them not to be able to participate.”

Juzba said the School Committee has



Anthony Bonavita



Shelley Borgatti-Reed



Brian Burbank

tried not to enact or raise fees over the years, but when faced with budget cuts, raising fees could be appropriate to maintain existing programs.

Athletic fees are reasonable, but charging for student parking at the high school makes even more sense, Burbank said.

“The privilege of parking a car on school property doesn’t directly correlate to a student’s educational process, whereas athletic programs can and do contribute to a student’s well-rounded development,” Burbank said.

Doering said “there’s nothing wrong with student fees as long as they aren’t exorbitant.”

Preschool center

All seven candidates said it will be a top priority in the coming years to find a larger home for the Early Childhood Center — currently headquartered at Perry Lane Park, and now occupying overflow classrooms in the Granger and Clark schools. Reed said the need for a new center is “dire,” with the current building “overcrowded and outdated.”

Bonavita and Burbank both pledged to pursue a solution that doesn’t involve raising taxes, even temporarily. Mineo said he would “explore all avenues” before agreeing to a tax increase, and Juzba gave a similar opinion.

“We need to look at buildings available to us before raising taxes to fund a brand-new facility,” said Juzba. “We also need to finish existing projects before planning any



Roberta Doering



Diane Juzba



Carmino Mineo



Wendy Rua

new construction. Raising taxes would be a last resort.”

Other issues

• Budget: All seven candidates blamed unfunded mandates from the state and federal governments for costing money that could have been spent in the classroom. Mineo said, “they increase the cost of education without financial support. Every year we ask administrators and staff to do more with less.” Bonavita said mandates such as PARCC mean valuable dollars are “wasted on programs that don’t work.”

• School safety: Bonavita favors more security cameras. Burbank wants a “greater police presence” in the schools. Rua said she supports holding community forums to discuss safety, and making sure administrators communicate about safety with parents. “I want to ensure that safety remains

a primary focus,” Rua said. “In this day of headline news citing frightening school occurrences, parents want to be in close communication with school staff.” Doering did not respond to a question on this topic. Juzba, Mineo and Reed said student safety is among their top priorities.

• Technology: Every candidate who responded to this question said he or she would vote to increase the budget for technology in the schools. Burbank, in particular, cited his “strong technology background,” and Mineo specifically said he’d like to see every student provided with a Chromebook computer. Doering did not respond to this question.

Beer, wine tasting to benefit Antonio Bruno

A beer and wine tasting fundraiser to benefit Antonio Bruno will take place from 6 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Nov. 7, at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

On July 2, Bruno, who plays baseball both for Agawam High School and the Agawam Legion program, fell down a cliff at a quarry on the Southwick-Agawam line. He

suffered extensive injuries to his body and has undergone numerous treatments, with more to come.

The event will include food, a disc jockey, dancing, raffles and an auction. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by contacting Bill Sabadosa at 413-351-6119, Sheila Sabadosa at 413-537-4845 or email sabdozer@comcast.net.



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SPORTS

BOYS SOCCER

Regnier strikes help lead Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – When the Agawam boys soccer team allowed a goal to score on a penalty kick to cut their lead 2-1 at the end of the first half, they did not panic.

The Brownies would score a pair of goals early on in the second half and rode that momentum to a 5-2 win over visiting Northampton last Friday afternoon.

It was one of those strange weather games for both teams as they played through numerous showers and even a torrential downpour during the second half.

Agawam took a 3-1 lead about four minutes into the second half when Dan Korotich lifted a free kick into the box. The kick was met by Tym Regnier, who was able to take his momentum toward the goal and shoot on target. The play was well executed and the shot timed perfectly to extend the Agawam lead.



Tym Regnier shoots on target for his first goal of the game against Northampton last Friday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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GIRLS SOCCER

Agawam on top of Kurty-Fielding

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam girls soccer team remains in the play-off hunt despite a sub-.500 record heading into the third week of October.

Agawam has seven games remaining, but five of those are the most important as they are in the Kurty-Fielding League.

Agawam currently leads that league with a 2-0-1 record, a game better than Northampton, which the Brownies have beaten already.

It was a week of setbacks last week Agawam ended up with a four-game winless streak over nine days.

The Brownies suffered three losses and a tie.

Last Friday afternoon, Agawam traveled out to East Longmeadow and played through rain showers and thunderstorms as



Agawam's Sarah Carron (2) makes a run up the field. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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GOLF

Agawam finishing regular season strong

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam golf team is heading for the Western Massachusetts Division I match with great momentum and an excellent regular season record.

Agawam picked up another pair of victories last week to raise their record to an impressive 15-3 for the year.

Despite the great record, the

Brownies will likely not be the league champions as they lost a pair of league matchups during the regular season. East Longmeadow, surprisingly, is leading the Valley League with a 5-1 record and a 16-1 overall match record.

The Spartans are the only team with a pair of wins over the Brownies. Agawam also suffered a rare loss against Ludlow on Sept. 29.

Last week, the Brownies found themselves in a tough spot with a tie against Minnechaug. Under recently changed golf rules, only the top four of eight cards are counted toward the team's final score.

When there is a tie among the first four scores on each side, the tiebreaker becomes the fifth cards on both sides.

Alia Godek had a 43 while Antonio Cuoco had a 44 to lead

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GOLF

Brownies tough from top to bottom

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It's unlike anything that has been seen recently in Western Massachusetts.

Agawam High School's golf team has become a team with threats young and old, male and female.

This season has seen a huge transformation for the Brownies as they have continued to be successful, but have done so in a much different way.

Last year, Agawam was a top contender all season long as a team, with several seniors helping to lead the way along with a breakout performance from sophomore Matteo Godek, who nearly made the state tournament with a ninth-place finish at Western Mass.

This season, with several of their top golfers now graduated, Agawam has used a small mix of experience along with some great new talent to set themselves up for successful seasons over the next three or four years.

Leading the charge are two young freshmen in Alia Godek, Matteo's sister, and career golfer Angela Garvin.

Godek has been golfing with her brother and father since she was young, and spent the past summer participating in numerous tournament through the Junior PGA. She was even involved in a couple of local tournaments



Agawam freshman Mia Godek recently won the 2015 Western Massachusetts Girls Golf Championship. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Agawam's Katie Martin (4) sends the ball forward with a free kick. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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they were upended in the end by the Spartans 3-0.

Agawam and East Longmeadow have a spirited playoff rivalry that dates back a few years when East Longmeadow shut out Agawam two years in a row in playoff games.

In this game, East Longmeadow was able to take a 1-0 lead and Agawam was unable to match them before halftime despite having a couple of close chances near the end of the half.

Before Agawam could counter, East Longmeadow struck again in the second half, and finished out the game with a shut-out.

Jenna Beach had a very busy outing, making 14 saves for Agawam.

Last Wednesday, the Brownies were in danger of dropping a big game against visiting Holyoke.

The Knights have seen their scoring return with injured players making their way back.

Holyoke had a 2-1 lead heading into the later stages of the game when Jill Scherpa was able to score on a pass from Sarah Carron to help Agawam earn a draw.

Alyssa Montagna, a sophomore, helped Agawam get a lead in the first half. She was able to use a redirect from Carron and sent the ball past Holyoke's junior goalie Callie Cavanaugh.

But Holyoke, which had fewer chances on the net, did not stay down and very quickly, Jamie Robert and Emily Leblanc both scored to give Holyoke a 2-1 lead.

Scherpa did a great job finding an opening to grab the tying goal so Agawam could pick up a point.

Beach was not challenged a lot, needing to make only three saves. Cavanaugh, on the other hand, had a tougher challenge with Agawam's offense. She made 12 saves



Agawam's Caitlyn Shean (6) reaches out to play the ball.

in the tie.

With the draw, Agawam is now 3-5-3 for the season with seven games remaining. The Brownies are scheduled to host Chicopee Comp Friday at 4 p.m. The Brownies have a huge independent game against Belchertown on Monday at 4 p.m.

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Agawam Little League call for volunteers

AGAWAM - The Agawam Little League Board would like to extend an invitation to individuals that have interest in helping to make 2016 another successful season for our children.

The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18 at Take 5 Restaurant.

The agenda for this meeting is to provide information about the organization and conduct the 2015-2016 Board Elections. The ALL is a privately run, non-profit organization that couldn't operate without the help and support of board members, volunteers and sponsors.

The Objective of Agawam Little League is to install the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, physical well-being, discipline and respect for authority. We are in need of individuals in all capacities. We encourage all to attend this meeting to learn more about the organization and ways that you may be able to assist.

To show our appreciation for your attendance, we will deduct \$10 from one of your child's 2016 Little League registration fee. Please visit our website at: agawamlittleleague.com for more information.

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at her home course of Crestview Country Club and The Ranch in Southwick.

Godek was able to make the team and her scores in practice helped her break into the starting lineup soon after.

On Oct. 2, she had a huge achievement at a very young age as she shot a 79 at Chicopee Country Club and won the 2015 Western Massachusetts Girls Golf Championship. Amazingly, Garvin placed second behind her teammate, four strokes off Godek's pace.

The pair defeated another talented female golfer in Palmer's Emma McCloskey.

Godek's back nine was incredibly impressive as she rode that to the win.

Godek has been a steady force in the Agawam lineup since the beginning of the season. She has not been part of the scoring in every matchup, but has remained competitive. Her best score of the season actually came at the beginning of the season, a loss against East Longmeadow when she carded a 39.

Garvin is another great story. She has

been golfing in regional and national tournaments since she was very young and tried out for Agawam this season as a high school freshmen.

During the regular season, her results have been even better, carding in the upper 30's and lower 40's throughout the season. Her scores of 36 against Northampton and Chicopee Comp were her best cards of the season and she will no doubt continue contributing to the Brownies for the next four years.

In addition to the Godeks and Garvin, Agawam also has Jon Farrell, Geoff Circosta, and Steven Grasso that have also given them some great scores this season.

All of the Brownies now need to settle into the pressures of playoff golf. If Agawam's young talent can do that, they will be looking championship-caliber teams for some time to come.

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Sports

Bears sink Falcons in opener

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Falcons opened up their 2015-16 campaign with a 5-1 loss Saturday at the MassMutual Center against the Hershey Bears.

The Bears controlled the play for most of the game and jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period with goals from Carter Camper and rookie Riley Barber. The Falcons were unable to turn three Hershey penalties into goals, including a 5-on-3 opportunity. Springfield did get on the board when Craig Cunningham found the back of the net with assists from Brendan Shinnimin and Derek Smith at the 11:57 mark of the first period.

That would be as close as the Falcons would get though, as Hershey dominated the second period getting goals from Connor Carrick and another from Riley. Springfield grabbed momentum after killing off a full two minute 5-on-3 Bears power play, but were unable to get anything past goaltender Dan Ellis. The Falcons were even denied once by the crossbar in the period, as the Bears had everything going their way. Springfield only recorded two shots in the second frame.

With the Bears leading 4-1, Springfield was able to edge the Bears in shots in the final period, but Hershey scored the lone goal of the frame, a power play tally off the stick of Chris Bourque at the 13:09 mark.

The Falcons finished the night 0-5 on the power play with 20 shots. Hershey was 2-4 on the power play and finished with 30 shots on goal. Barber was named first star of the game for the Bears for his two-goal effort, including the eventual game winner.

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Agawam to the narrow win. Minnechaug had been a team that has given the Brownies trouble during the past couple of years. This time, Agawam picked up its second defeat of the season over the Falcons.

Matteo Godek, who is having a phenomenal junior year, had the low card of 39 at Crestview Country Club, one of Agawam's two home courses.

Freshman Angela Garvin was second with a 40 and Geoff Circosta and Jon Farrell each had 43's to round out Agawam's scoring.

Last Monday afternoon, the Brownies were able to ride Garvin's top score to a seven-stroke victory over host Belchertown at

Cold Spring Country Club 163-170.

Garvin finished the course with a 38, three above Matteo Godek's 41. Geoff Circosta also carded a 41. Steven Grasso finished Agawam's scoring with a 43.

The Brownies had two final matches earlier this week. One against South Hadley and their final matchup on Wednesday against Westfield in an independent match. Both were on the road.

Agawam is now waiting until Monday to participate in the Western Massachusetts match, which is scheduled to be held at 9 a.m. If Agawam is able to continue producing the lower scores they have been accustomed to all season, they will have a shot at putting their entire team into the state match scheduled for Oct. 26.



Brian Forgette tries to navigate around the Northampton midfield. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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With 24:44 remaining in the second, Agawam was pressuring the Northampton goal and a pair of shots were taken. One shot went off the goalkeeper and was sitting about 10 yards in front of the goal with no one in the vicinity.

The goalie stayed in position and out of nowhere came Nick Malerba, who made a 20-yard sprint and kicked the loose ball into the left side of the net to make it 4-1.

Regnier would score a second time late in the half to ice the game for the Brownies.

Agawam would take a 2-0 lead in the first half with goals from Brendan Garvey over a span of about five minutes.

He scored about seven minutes into the game, and did again about 12 minutes into the game.

The Brownies definitely commanded the position game and Northampton keeper Jon Brodeur was kept busy, having to make 13 saves in the defeat. Steven Ludtke, who continues to fill in for injured starter Sean Moore, made seven saves to pick up the win.

Regnier had an assist to go with his two goals for three total points.

On Monday afternoon, Agawam played a game against a much tougher Cathedral team and scored a 2-0 victory to secure a spot in this year's tournament.

The first time the two teams met, they had a scoring fest with Agawam winning 6-3.

This game was a lot crisper, with Agawam's Malerba and Luis Nieves each scoring in the first half to back up a seven-save



Nick Malerba tries to prevent the ball from going out of bounds.

effort from Ludtke, who picked up a shut-out win.

With the wins, Agawam is now in great position at 8-1-3 and can only help their seeding position as they move forward with the final third of their season.

Coming up, the Brownies have a tough matchup at Belchertown on Monday at 7 p.m.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Plural of ascus

5. Repents

11. British School

12. Adhesive to catch birds

15. Male children

16. Oil company

17. Intestinal

19. Money slogan

24. 2nd tone

25. In actual truth

26. Belgian-French River

27. Rural Free Delivery

28. Point midway between S and SE

29. Texas armadillo

30. 2nd largest Hawaiian island

31. Pile up

33. Changes liquid to vapor

34. Yemen capital

37. Byways

38. V-shaped cut

39. Painting on dry

42. Daminozide

43. Papa's partner

44. ___ -fi: fiction/movie genre

47. 1st Soviet space station

48. Latvian capital

49. Come into view

52. Blue Hen school

53. Maine water company

55. Picture & word puzzle

57. Atomic #18

58. Xiamen dialect

59. Being overzealous

62. One who did it (slang)

63. Night breathing noises

64. A minute amount (Scott)

CLUES DOWN

1. Race of Norse gods

2. Large pebbles

3. Latin line dances

4. The inner sole of a shoe

5. A French abbot

6. Moves stealthily

7. An alternative

8. 39th state

9. Lotus sports car model

10. River fill

13. Of I

14. Many noises

18. Ghana monetary units

20. Actor Hughley

21. The Cowboy State

22. Jests at

23. America

27. Surprise attack

29. Daddy

30. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

31. Express pleasure

32. Cellist Yo-Yo

33. Bronx cheer

34. A more firm substance

35. Essential oil obtained from flowers

36. Company that rings receipts

37. Largest church in Christianity

38. Capital of Wallonia

39. Heroic tale

40. Send forth

41. The Golden State

43. 1/1000 of an inch

44. Angel of the 1st order

45. Ukrainian peninsula

46. Disregard

48. Colophony

49. Spanish be

50. Military policeman

51. Cleopatra's country

53. Br. drinking establishments

54. Removes moisture

56. Liberal Arts degree

60. Execute or perform

61. Atomic #77

The Week Ahead

Friday, Oct. 16	Monday, Oct. 19
Football South Hadley at Agawam 7 p.m.	Boys Soccer Agawam at Belchertown 4 p.m.
Girls Soccer Chicopee Comp at Agawam 4 p.m.	Tuesday, Oct. 20
Girls Volleyball Agawam at Frontier 6 p.m.	Cross Country Agawam at East Longmeadow 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 17	Girls Soccer Longmeadow at Agawam 7 p.m.
Field Hockey Agawam at Smith Academy 3 p.m.	Girls Volleyball Agawam at Minnechaug 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 18 No games scheduled.	Wednesday, Oct. 21
	Field Hockey Amherst at Agawam 7 p.m.
	Gymnastics Agawam and Westfield at Chicopee Comp 6 p.m.
	Boys Soccer Agawam at Holyoke 4 p.m.
	Thursday, Oct. 22
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	Boys Soccer Agawam at West Springfield 7 p.m.

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

What the candidates say: Walnut St., CPA

Correspondent Gregory A. Scibelli asked the 17 candidates for Agawam City Council to answer, in 50 words or less, 10 questions about political issues in town. We’ve picked the top four questions and will print the answers this week and next.*

	Is the town on the right track to revitalize Walnut Street Extension? What, if anything, would you change?	Should Agawam’s participation in the Community Preservation Act be put up to a referendum vote? If it were, how would you vote?
Robert Alves	Simply no, the first thing is to take control of the Games and Lanes property. The building needs to come down, not only is it an eyesore but a hazard as well. Then design a clear plan for cleaning the contamination. Only then can revitalization begin.	By participating with the CPA, we have facilities like the School Street Park. I understand funds are raised locally through a 3 percent surcharge on the property tax. As a soon-to-be home owner, I agree with that percentage. If there was a proposed increase, well, that is another story.
James P. Cichetti	Personally, I believe any right track needed to begin with the environmental impact study. I say this because no private developer is willing to touch this property without one. So, the town’s decision to fund an EIS was to demonstrate the town’s commitment towards revitalization.	Based on the numerous requests I have received from residents, I have already and would continue to support a referendum vote. Residents should always be provided their right to be heard. As a councilor I would cast my vote based upon the majority of the will of the residents.
Gina M. Letellier	The town has waited too long to act on Games and Lanes. The plans to revitalize the area, if they come to fruition, are nice. However, it makes no sense to take further action until Games and Lanes is no longer a problem, esthetically or environmentally.	Agawam’s participation in the CPA yields nothing but positive results. If a majority of voters seek a referendum and if only accurate information is included on a petition requesting a referendum, I would have to support the will of the voters for a vote, while still advocating for the retention of CPA.
Robert E. Rossi	I believe that the town should have taken control of the property of Games and Lanes long ago. The town has taken full responsibility for, and totally financed, its cleanup, including tax abatements dating back to 2008. Being truly vested, the town should control its revitalization and redevelopment, not some private developer where the town would have no authority for its direction or control; especially for such a vital area in our community.	I would vote to keep it intact. The CPA is one of the most important and significant programs that the town has enacted in my opinion, and I am proud to say that I was a part of the City Council that voted for its inception. We have accomplished so much for our community for so very little; average cost to the taxpayer, \$30 per year!
Dennis J. Perry	I supported the zone change to start this process, but as I stated when we passed this, there are many factors that have to be addressed to make this happen. To name a few, Games and Lanes is one and the problem with the infrastructure and the cost to correct is another.	I fully believe in the democratic process and feel that if the voters of Agawam want to petition the city to put a referendum vote to the community on this, I would fully support it. I have been fully behind the CPA since its conception and will continue to support it!
Anthony R. Suffriti	The council gave the administration the zone change they asked for to give the first tool to move forward. The change I would like to see is frequent updates of the progress that is being made to revitalize Walnut Street Ext.	Should the residents of Agawam fulfill the required signatures to put it on the ballot, then I believe the residents have the right to have it voted on. I personally would vote to keep it. The CPA funds are utilized in many projects that the residents utilize throughout the town.
Cecilia P. Calabrese	The town has made no progress in revitalizing Walnut Street Extension. Nothing will happen so long as the Games and Lanes building festers. To change that, I would seek the imposition of a receiver for the property, seek redress from the polluting property owner, have the area cleaned and the building demolished. Nothing will happen so long as that hulk of an eyesore exists.	Absolutely, yes! During an earlier term on the council I sponsored such a measure, which was voted down by practically every other sitting City Councilor. Many Agawam residents today have never been given a choice on participation, even though state law provides for regular voter review. That being said, I would vote to continue participating in the CPA program.
Christopher C. Johnson	I believe that the mixed use zoning initiative recently passed by the council provides greater flexibility in redeveloping the Walnut Street Extension area. I believe the town administration has not effectively dealt with the Games and Lanes property, and the town needs to take the steps necessary to secure the property and minimize its status as a significant safety hazard and eyesore.	I do not believe that Agawam’s participation in the CPA should be put up for a referendum vote. The CPA has provided tremendous benefits to our community that have raised property values and significantly improved the quality of life in Agawam and Feeding Hills.
George Bitzas	This has been talked about for numerous years. I am pleased that a positive approach is finally actively happening at the Walnut St. Ext. site. I am happy to support the redevelopment of this area to bring in more revenue to the town.	In the past the Community Preservation Act was put on the ballot by a vote of the City Council. The citizens of Agawam voted in favor of adopting the CPA. The CPA has allowed the town to do a large number of positive community projects. I would vote in favor of allowing the CPA to be put on the ballot again because our residents have a right to make a choice and express their opinion. We should honor the will of the voters and that is a true democracy.
Corinne M. Wingard	Yes. I was proud to help the Planning Department build support to pass the ordinance creating the Mixed-Use Business C District, which will help fix Games and Lanes by increasing development options. Businesses in the area should be very involved in the planning. The community should be kept informed.	Yes. At an average annual cost of \$32.92 per household, the CPA has leveraged huge amounts of money in investments for Agawam. \$1,035,000 is committed for the track at the high school. I would vote to keep the CPA.
Michele Ann Calvanese	The town is on the right track to revitalizing Walnut Street Extension, but because there are other areas in town (i.e., Springfield Street) that need reviving, they should be included in this project. We need our main streets in town to look eye-appealing to both residence and visitors.	Agawam’s participation in the Community Preservation Act should be put up to a referendum vote. I would vote yes. It is imperative that we all acknowledge that CPA is a tool to help communities preserve open space and historical sites, and create affordable housing and recreational facilities.
Robert A. Magovern	I have reviewed the redesign for the Walnut Street Extension and I see no benefit in the plan until we take care of the Games and Lanes issue first. We need to remove that property before real revitalization can begin.	Yes. Residents should take this opportunity to review the CPA and express their thoughts. The CPA has had a positive impact on Agawam. The School Street Park and Smith House preservation are just two examples of the benefits the CPA has had on quality of life issues in town.
Donald M. Rheault	The town is dragging its feet. Our top priority should be to demolish the former Games and Lanes building. I believe that is the first step in bringing revitalization to that important business area of Agawam.	I would vote yes. The taxpayers should always have a voice on matters that have a direct impact on them. It should be noted that this fund has had a significant positive impact on several town projects.
Joseph Mineo	Yes it is on the right track and I would have taken it by eminent domain.	I am in favor of putting the question of whether Agawam should participate in the Community Preservation as a referendum as I have throughout my career believed that the voters should have a say in their government. I would vote yes to the referendum and I base that decision upon the improvements made in town.
Paul C. Cavallo	Yes, if the city is able to find a buyer for the Games and Lanes building. But if that fails, the city should purchase it. This would be an important step in the revitalization of the Walnut Street area.	No. Since the inception of CPA many worthwhile projects have been completed that have enhanced the character of the city. Three and one half percent of a taxpayer’s real estate bill is assessed by the city to fund projects. The state supplements the CPA’s budget an additional sum of money annually.
Richard M. Theroux	The administration is correct in trying to revitalize Walnut Street Extension and the shopping center. At one time this was the shopping destination for our community and I believe it can be once again with the right plan.	I believe something that is a tax on a homeowner should periodically be put to a vote to determine if the community wishes to continue the program. I would vote to keep the Community Preservation Act, as it has done many good things for our town and we receive state matching funds we would otherwise no be entitled to.

*Candidate Samuel S. Di Santi Jr. did not respond to the questions.

In next week’s *Agawam Advertiser News*, the council candidates answer two more questions: “What should the council do about the municipal golf course?” and “If you could add \$200,000 to one item in the town budget, where would you add it?”The election is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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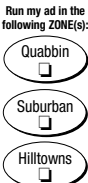
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Tim Coughlen



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Kennedy joins Easthampton Savings

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Kennedy has more than 30 years of banking experience, working for Westfield Bank for 22 years, Hampden Bank for 10 years and most recently Berkshire Bank. She started as a teller and was promoted several times over the years.

Kennedy has a bachelor of arts from Westfield State University. She is involved in the community with events such as Agawam Rotary Club, United Way Day of Caring, annual JDRF Walk, the Alice Moore Golden Bell Choir and as a flutist for the Chalice of Salvation. Kennedy is a professional flutist and plays with several local concert bands and at many local churches.

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Donna Kennedy

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Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Lydia Blakesley were Jean DeForge, Walter Willard and Norma Turcotte.



Dinner call



Nancy Taupier of Agawam calls out a steady pitch for would-be customers of the Agawam Lions Club's barbecue chicken stand at the Big E last month. More photos of Agawam residents at the Big E were printed in the Oct. 8 and Sept. 24 editions. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Grange supper to benefit building fund

Community Grange 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Polish supper with continuous servings from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. The supper will be held at the Grange hall, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills.

The menu will include stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, pierogi, vegetable, rye bread and butter, dessert and a choice of beverages.

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